

From: Teresa Hale
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 12:50 AM
Subject: Media Monopolies!

To Whom it may concern-

I wanted to take this opportunity to address the broadcast ownership rules that could be very detrimental if not overturned. If the broadcast ownership rules were to be adopted my voice and millions of others in this country would be squelched! Not only does it infringe on the freedom of speech but is also a monopoly! Admittedly, I am a PROUD member of the National Rifle Association but also am very active politically. If us as Americans were to lose the right to voice our opinions on whatever matter we chose it would truly be an injustice to everyone! Irregardless of whether or not it pertained to the right to keep and bear arms, voice our political views or to speak out on any matter that hit close to home. If this were to come to fruition, the man with the most money could gain control of what and when we heard certain news stories! I personally am a free thinker and quite capable of making up my own mind as long as I'm given both sides of a situation. I do not need to only hear what the owner of a tv, radio or newspaper media corporation THINKS!! I need to know!! I'm an adult and can distinguish what I want and feel is my right!

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Thankyou for you time and consideration of reading this and hearing my opinion. Please do not relax the Fcc broadcast ownership rules regarding media monopolies.

Sincerely Your's
Gary Dean Ames
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CC: Kathleen Abernathy

From: pbrocato1@comcast.net
To: Michael Copps
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 1:08 AM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

May 7, 2003

The Honorable Michael F. Copps, Commissioner

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Sincerely,

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From: dierk and/or nancy
To: Michael Copps
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 1:22 AM
Subject: deregulation on June 2

Dear Commissioner Copps,

I would like to thank you for bringing to the attention of the American people the proposed changes in FCC regulation slated for June 2. I do not agree with Chairman Powell that the free press in this democratic country should be compromised by handing the power of media ownership to a few mega-corporations. We are currently experiencing a media blackout of dissenting opinion and sources of alternative news. If the changes in FCC regulation are allowed to take place, this country will be held in the grips of what could become corporate/state sponsored information. This country was founded on principles of free speech and a free press that examines and probes and uncovers that which should be laid bare. I appreciate your hard work in bringing this debate to the attention of so many citizens who embrace a free and equal press. If you have any suggestions of more work that can be done outside of a letter writing campaign and spreading the word of a potential disaster on June 2nd, I would be grateful to learn of them.

Sincerely,
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From: Julie Konik
To: Mike Powell, Michael Copps, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 4:03 AM
Subject: opposition to changing media ownership rules

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Julie Konik

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From: Reid Hill
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 4:48 AM
Subject: Broadcast ownership

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I urge you not to relax broadcast ownership rules.

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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: RAWLINGS CATHEY
To: Michael Copps
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 5:34 AM
Subject: Re: Broadcast Ownership Rules (Thank you for your message concerning media cons

I thank you for your prompt reply. I will continue to follow this and hope that you will not vote to change the rules. I think the American people would like to see several Points of an issue. Thanks again for your reply.

----- Original Message -----

From: Michael Copps
Sent: Tuesday, May 06, 2003 1:44 PM
To: rcathey243@msn.com
Subject: Re: Broadcast Ownership Rules (Thank you for your message concerning media consolidation.)

Thank you for your message concerning media consolidation. I am happy to know that you are participating in the debate over this issue and hope that you will continue to do so in the weeks leading up to the June 2 vote and thereafter. We must come to grips with this issue because it is so important not only for the kinds of entertainment we get from our media, but also from the standpoint of what it means for the news and information that sustains our country's democratic dialogue. I hope you will talk about this issue with your friends, neighbors, local media and government officials. Again, thanks for getting in touch.

From: Tammy Talpas
To: Michael Copps
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 5:41 AM
Subject: Preserve Diversity and Media Ownership Limits - DO NOT Remove Remaining Regulatory Limits on Corporations

Tammy Talpas
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May 7, 2003

FCC Commissioner Michael Copps
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street., SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear FCC Commissioner Copps:

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The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

I think it is important for the FCC to not only consider the points of view of those with a financial interest in this issue, but also those with a social or civic interest.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is incumbent on the Commission to take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

Sincerely,

Tammy Talpas

From: r deiter
To: Michael Copps
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 6:11 AM
Subject: broadcast ownership

Dear Mr. Copps

I am writing to ask you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect us American citizens from media monopolies.

By relaxing rules you will be allowing giant media companies to control what is already a biased radio and television news(?) coverage. These companies are lobby you to relax the rules are keeping opposing viewpoints from the air or casting them in a very unfavorable light.

As an American I deserve to hear and see more than one viewpoint on many issues, not just what the company line is. With this in mind I strongly request that you continue the broadcast ownership protections thereby ensuring healthy political debate alive in America.

Sincerely,
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From: Steve Leppin
To: Michael Copps
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 6:15 AM
Subject: broadcast ownership rules

The Honorable Michael J. Copps
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission

Dear Mr. Copps

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Sincerely,

Steve Leppin

Milan, MO 63556

From: Kailee909@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 7:16 AM
Subject: FCC Broadcast Ownership

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Sincerely,

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From: William Lindgren
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 12:14 AM
Subject: Broadcast of "local" TV stations via satellite

Dear Chairman Powell,

Last Sunday, and then again today we experienced severe weather alerts in Central Missouri. I subscribe to Dishnetwork, we did decide to retain our basic cable service, and thank goodness we did since the sirens were blaring and alerts were broadcast.

I would have much rather subscribed to receive local television broadcast, but am unable to do so because of some court decision by a judge in Florida.

Broadcast on satellite are extremely superior to even the digital cable service, which I did try.

If I chose to not subscribe to basic cable, I may have put myself and family in danger.

The decision to exclude me and many other satellite customers from receiving local television must be re-examined and the restrictions lifted.

This is not only a safety issue, but a basic competitive issue where free enterprise is blocked by an arbitrary decision. It also affects my money since I have to spend an additional \$29 a month just to get basic cable.

Is this fair?

Very respectfully yours,

William Lindgren
Rolla, MO
573-364-6631 office

From: Lyle Weeks
To: Mike Powell, Commissioner Adelstein, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 12:27 AM
Subject: Changes to the rules that prohibit MONOPOLY OWNERSHIP of media sources

Dear FCC Commissioners,

I would like you to consider the consequences of allowing major conglomerates ownership of the airwaves in the United States of America. I wore the uniform of the United States Air Force for 23 years. I served proudly from the age of 18 until past my 40th birthday. I too fought in the Vietnam War from 1967 to 1968 and was at DaNang A B. Vietnam during the infamous Tet Offensive in 1968. I offer these facts only to let you know where my sense of duty to the Democratic Republic of the United States of America stands. I value my freedom to the maximum and have paid the price for that freedom. I have served in countries that were controlled by dictators and know how tightly controlled their media is. I have also watched the Air Waves and the News Papers in this country become extremely biased to a point of view and at the same time limiting the point of view of others.

I am a Life Time Endowment Member of the National Rifle Association. I have always been an avid outdoorsman and Hunter and Fisherman. I joined the NRA because of the assault on our rights to be able to defend our property and the lives of our loved ones. I have been around firearms all my life and have brought my children up to respect firearms. I also taught them to respect others and to be courteous. I have also told them that they have the right of self defense in the appropriate situations. Commissioners, I urgently request that you consider the ramifications of lifting the ban of MONOPOLY OWNERSHIP of our media sources and the effect it will have on open debate in this country.

Respectfully Yours,

Lyle G. Weeks Jr., SMSgt, USAF, Retired

N.R.A. Endowment Life Member

From: MTELAINC@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner
Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 12:43 AM
Subject: BROADCAST OWNERSHIP RULES

HONORABLE CHAIRMAN & COMMISSIONERS: I WANT TO VOICE MY OPINION THE PROPOSED RULES CHANGE THAT WOULD ALLOW MEDIA CONGLOMERATES TO BECOME MEDIA MONOPOLIES AS FOLLOWS. 1.)WE NEED INDEPENDENT MEDIA OUTLETS AS OPPOSED TO MEDIA "CORPORATIONS" TO MAINTAIN BALANCE, TO KEEP OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS AVAILABLE, PREVENT CENSORSHIP, & TO PREVENT POTENTIAL MONOPOLISTIC APPROACHES TO NEWS COVERAGE, ADVERTISING RATES, & POLITICAL VIEWPOINTS. 2.) MAINTAIN THIS FAIR & HONEST BALANCE WE MUST CONTINUE TO ENFORCE FCC RULES THAT KEEP BROADCAST OWNERSHIP RULES FROM BECOMING RELAXED THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO MY VIEWPOINT, & I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THE OUTCOME OF YOUR VOTE. THANK YOU.MIKE EGAN, 21705 W. 58TH ST., SHAWNEE, KS. 66218

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From: pbrocato1@comcast.net
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 12:49 AM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

May 6, 2003

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From: pbrocato1@comcast.net
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 1 11 AM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

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From: Marlene Bomer
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 1:18 AM
Subject: <No Subject>

Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners:

This June you will be hearing pleas from the media conglomerates to have the ability to consolidate even more, through aquisition of even more radio and TV stations, newspapers, etcetera. I implore you to reject these pleas!!!

I was in radio for ten years from the mid-80s to mid-90s. What I see in radio today, is nowhere near where it was back then. Radio has gotten worse with the rise of Clear Channel's monopoly and gutting local radio station's abilities to alert their listeners in the event of an emergency. A corporate programmer cannot -- repeat: CANNOT be able to alert listeners from hundreds, if not thousands of miles away!!

A radio station used to be the voice of the local area: their favorite music, local news, weather, and sports; and especially the ability to gear up in case of a crisis -- this is no longer the case, especially if the station is owned by Clear Channel.

It's my firm belief that if an area is hit by a disaster, and the people was not alerted by the authorities because they could not contact the station because it's owners are hundreds of miles away and cannot be bothered, then the city and the victims should be able to sue the station's owners to face both civil penalties and criminal action

The media today has gotten unwieldy, greedy, and bloated. all thanks to deregulation. The recent chainwide banning of the Dixie Chicks by the owner of Cumulus Broadcasting is a prime example! The local station should have the right to detrermine for themselves whether or not to participate in such an action, and not take orders form a clearly biased source.

In closing, people need to be able to get their news from a variety of sources and persepectives, which is a VITAL part of our republic! Allowing this further deregulation of media ownership flies in the face of not only the Consitution and the First Amendment guarantee of a Free Press, but desecrates the memories of the reporters who dedicated their lives to the free exchange of ideas and being able to report on subjects the owners may object to.

I in no uncertain terms implore the Federal Communications Commission not to allow the further degradation of American media and unanimously reject the plea by the media conglomerates to further deregulate media ownership.

Respectfully yours,

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From: Marchant Brent
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 1:23 AM
Subject: FCC "deregulation" of media ownership

Dear Commissioner Powell,

Re. Upcoming FCC vote on media deregulation.

Further consolidation of the media in the name of "deregulation" must be halted. The media companies have failed in their public trust to provide unbiased information about most crucial issues, most notably the recent coverage of the war in Iraq. As an American -- and a former journalist -- concerned about our democracy, I call on you to challenge the media conglomerates to open the broadcast spectrum to a diverse range of journalists and opinions and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine.

Oppose media deregulation.

Sincerely,

Brent Marchant
Chicago, IL

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From: dierk and/or nancy
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 1:32 AM
Subject: deregulation on June 2

Dear Chairman Powell,

I and millions of Americans are aware that you plan to alter the landscape of a free press in this country on June 2 by lifting regulations and allowing a handful of corporations to control not only the television news services and newspapers, but also the airwaves. Chairman Powell, the airwaves of this country belong to the people of this country, not to the corporate giants, and not to the government. We who value a democracy demand that you allow an open dialog of voices to be made available to the people of this country, from which they can then draw their own educated opinions. Concentrating the source of news into the hand of a very few wealthy and powerful companies will drown out the democratic voice on which this country was founded. I am sure that you do not want to be judged by history as damaging our democracy in this way. Do not proceed with de-regulation on June 2. Listen to the people of this country, not the corporate giants.

Sincerely,
 Nancy Deal
 Seattle, WA

From: rozen
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 3:49 AM
Subject: media ownership

Mr. Powell

keep the information open or your message will never reach me.....
restrict media ownership..... keep diversity.....

Regards

Brad Parker

From: Julie Konik
To: Mike Powell, Michael Copps, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Brent Schulkin
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 4:54 AM
Subject: deregulation

I would just like to convey my extremely strong opinion that further deregulation is a terrible idea. Please don't push for it.

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The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

I think it is important for the FCC to not only consider the points of view of those with a financial interest in this issue, but also those with a social or civic interest.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is incumbent on the Commission to take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

Sincerely,

Tammy Talpas

From: r deiter
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 6 15 AM
Subject: broadcast ownership

Dear Mr Adelstein

I am writing to ask you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect us American citizens from media monopolies.

By relaxing rules you will be allowing giant media companies to control what is already a biased radio and television news(?) coverage. These companies are lobby you to relax the rules are keeping opposing viewpoints from the air or casting them in a very unfavorable light.

As an American I deserve to hear and see more than one viewpoint on many issues, not just what the company line is With this in mind I strongly request that you continue the broadcast ownership protections thereby ensuring healthy political debate alive in America.

Sincerely,
Robert Deitrick
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From: Steve Leppin
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 6:18 AM
Subject: broadcast ownership rules

The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission

Dear Mr. Adelstein:

I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies. These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near-total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. And many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. Therefore, for the sake of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Sincerely,

Steve Leppin

Milan, MO 63556

From: RedV2@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 6:38 AM
Subject: (no subject)

Dear Mr. Copps,

I urge you to hold to the broadcast ownership rules that protect against monopolies. The media has become small enough that varying view points are almost non-existent, please allow for the broadest amount of competition and information.

Peter Groos

From: Kailee909@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 6:53 AM
Subject: FCC Broadcast Rules

Dear Mr. Powell,

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Sincerely,

Stephen L. Jenkins
Bogalusa LA 70427-5527

From: Billy Moore
To: Michael Copps
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 7:24 AM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership

Honorable Michael J. Copps
Dear Mr. Commissioner

As a citizen, I am asking that you not relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect us from media monopolies.

As am a member of National Rifle Association I realize that some would stop our right to purchase time, for the anti-gun lobbyist would have only their voice heard! So, I urge you to keep the broadcast available to all and allow both sides an issue to be heard. It seems to me that democracy and our freedom in the U.S.A. demands such. So, please do not relax the broadcast ownership.

Sincerely,

Billy Moore

From: S J
To: Michael Copps
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 7:27 AM
Subject: broadcast ownership rules

I urge you **NOT** to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

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Ms. SJ Howard

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From: Chris Horak
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 7:46 AM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Honorable Board Members,

Like many citizens, I urge you not to relax broadcast ownership rules in the interest of a free and open market place, and to protect us from the possibility of media monopolies.

Certain proposed changes in ownership rules could allow larger media owners to gain near control of many radio and television stations, allowing them to have an undue influence on how news is disseminated throughout our communities. Several of these media companies that are currently lobbying for these changes have historically attempted to keep viewpoints not their own off the air.

Freedom of speech is one of the basic cornerstones of this country's foundation. Without the ability to hear all viable viewpoints, we as a people and nation suffer. With this said, I urge each of you to continue to support the broadcast ownership rules that have for quite some time ensured that each of us has the right to speak about and listen to the viewpoints and opinions that make this a great democracy.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Christopher C Horak, JD
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From: Landschenk@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 7:46 AM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies. These proposed changes would pave the way for limiting information available through radio and television news across the nation. For the sake of our democracy and freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast protections that, for decades, have helped ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Sincerely,
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From: Kenney W. Russell
To: Michael Copps
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 7:49 AM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Mr. Copps,

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Sincerely,

Kenney W. Russell
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